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Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 2-11-2013 1/7

Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT

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1. Call to Order & roll call

- ♦ Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.
- ♦ Regular Members Present: Thomas Ouellette, C. Ryan Goad, Julie Clay and H. Russell Kunz.
- ♦ Alternate Members Present: None
- ♦ Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator
- ♦ Recording Secretary: James Krupienski

2. Administrative Actions

- ♦ Logan Senack introduced himself and reviewed his qualifications with the commission.
- A. Acceptance of Minutes of December 17, 2012 & January 14, 2013
 - ♦ H Russel Kunz, seconded by C Ryan Goad moved a Motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2012 as amended. Motion carried. Logan Senack abstained.
 - Page 2 Aquatic Invasives: Thomas Ouellette indicated that he had <u>participated in</u> the invasive plants in local water bodies and reviewed the proposed mitigation plans.
 - Page 2 Website, education & public outreach: Move bullet #2 to the end of bullet #1
 - ♦ Logan Senack, seconded by Julie Clay moved a Motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Page 1 Vice-Chairman: Bullet #2 should indicate <u>Vice</u>-Chairman instead of Chairman.
 - o Page 3 Bullet #5: Holistic Health Fair will be held on the 1st weekend in April <u>at</u> the Vernon Center Middle School.
 - Page 3 Speaker Forum for Commissioners & Public: CACIWIC <u>Resource</u> Inventory & Wildlife assessment

B. Communications

- ♦ Connecticut Land Use Seminar March 16, 2013 @ Wesleyan University.
- **♦ CACIWIC Handbook**
- ◆ CT Land Conservation Conference on March 23, 2013.
- **♦** CAUSE on March 21, 2013
- ♦ Received invitation to attend the Inland Wetlands Commission meeting on January 21, 2013.
 - C. Ryan Goad reviewed the discussion that took place at the IWC meeting relative to a Cease and Correct Order issued against the property owner of 60 South Frontage Road.
 - ♦ Craig Perry, Inland Wetlands Agent reviewed the property based on a complaint and identified ATV use in the wetland areas.

- ♦ Permission had been given to three residents from Bamforth Road to utilize the property.
- ♦ Conclusion was that individuals had trespassed on the property and caused the damage to the wetlands.
- ♦ Cease and Correct Order was removed by the commission because not intent to cause damage could be shown.
- Thomas Ouellette indicated that he had spoken to Craig Perry, Inland Wetlands Agent and found that no additional complaints had been received.
- C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:
 - ♦ None
- D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month
 - ♦ Donation of \$300.00 was sent to CLCC
- E. Acceptance of Annual Meeting Schedule
 - ♦ Adopted December 17, 2012
- F. Organizational Consideration
 - ◆ Thomas Ouellette presented possible changes to the current Agenda format (Attachment)
 - Discussion took place regarding presented changes and format.
 - C. Ryan Goad suggested adding Open Space to §5 of the proposed Agenda format as well.
 - ♦ Discussion took place regarding statutory authority given in §7-131(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.
 - ♦ Suggested revisions will be integrated and presented at the next meeting.
- 3. Plan of Conservation & Development
 - ♦ No update on Legislative Hearings by OPM for responses by the Town on the State POCD. Waiting to hear back from Dan Worley on inclusion of remaining properties.
- 4. Low Impact Development (LID)
 - ♦ Public Hearing should take place during March.
 - ♦ Stormwater Manual should be supplied for adoption by the Planning and Zoning Commission during March as well.
- 5. Aquatic Invasives.
 - ♦ Town Funded activity list.
 - o Upper Bolton Lake Survey was conducted by George Knockline.
 - o Water Quality Survey is scheduled for April.
 - One (1) Day surveys for invasive species:
 - Tankerhoosen Lake
 - Walker Reservoir
 - Valley Falls Pond
 - o Walker Reservoir East needs review for milfoil recurrence and algae.
 - **♦** Thomas Ouellette attended a meeting at the Police Department relative to the Bolton Lakes.
 - Sewer Project was discussed.

- o Met Kim Welch Lake Commissioner for Lower Bolton Lake.
- Spoke with Holly MacDonald and had suggested to the Friends of Bolton Lakes for a
 possible Regional Meeting. Suggested that attendance by commissioners be advisory
 and not member based.
- o Pam Sawyer is attempting to secure funding for the Lake Surveys.
- 6. Scenic Roads
 - ♦ None updates
- 7. Web site, education & public outreach
 - ♦ Upcoming HealthFest in April:
 - Need to verify space location and amount with Jon Roe.
 - o C. Ryan Goad indicated that he would prepare the PowerPoint slideshow for the Fair.
 - American Farmland Booklets
 - o Images for Scenic Roads or signs.
 - o C. Ryan Goad would prepare a CD of photos for running presentation.
 - Logan Senack indicated he would supply Invasive Species flyers.
 - o Ann Letendre would supply a Open Space Map.
 - ♦ Speakers Forum possible length of up to three (3) hours with a break for refreshments.
 - Possible start to it on Earth Day
 - o Presentation on Non-Point Pollution.
 - o Rain Garden Designs and uses.
 - Strong Farm- Discussion of future plans and goals.
- 8. Talcottville Mill Progress on Wetlands Remediation
 - **♦** No Updates
- 9. Open Space Process/Zone
 - ♦ Strong Farm:
 - o Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)
 - Need mapping of the Agricultural soils.
 - Need to request a letter of support from the Mayor.
 - Ann Letendre indicated that she would draft a letter for the Mayor to sign.
 - Request should be made by both the Conservation Commission (CC) and the Open Space Task Force (OSTF).

10. Vernal Pools

- ♦ Bamforth Road property owner has required twenty-four (24) hour notice for access.
 - o Hold Harmless Agreement has been sent to the Association for review and approval.
- ♦ Thomas Ouellette had spoken to the resident with the deeded Right-of-Way access back to the Town property as a possible secondary access point.
- 11. Tankerhoosen Watershed implementation Plan
 - ♦ Discussion took place regarding the stage of the Plan Implementation and items that have been completed. (Attachment)
- 12. Other goals
 - ♦ Bolton Lakes Environment al Review Team Report Still waiting on last report on fisheries

- ♦ Tulip Tree Trail Runs from Bolton to Valleys Falls Park
 - o Required to be monitored on an annual basis and a report sent to the State.

13. Adjournment

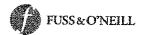
- ♦ H. Russell Kunz, seconded by Logan Senack moved a Motion to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
- ♦ Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

James Krupienski Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

Conservation Commission Proposed Revised Agenda 2/11/13

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Administrative Actions
- 3. Commission Development
 - A. Education and training
 - B. Meeting/conference opportunities
- 4. Resources Assessment and Strategy
 - A. Watersheds/Aquatic Resources
 - i. Bolton Lakes
 - a. ERT Status
 - ii. Aquatic Invasives
 - iii. Vernal Pools
 - B. Public Lands
 - i. Open Space Program
 - ii. Terrestrial Invasives
 - C. Tank Watershed Implementation Plan
- 5. Municipal/State Programs
 - A. POCDs
 - i. Vernon
 - ii. State
 - B. LID
 - C. Scenic Roads
- 6. Public Outreach and Education
 - A. Website/Facebook
 - B. Municipal agency interaction
 - C. Inter-town agency interaction
 - D. Community projects
- 7. Other Goals
- 8. Adjournment



6.5 Plan Implementation

6.5.1 Schedule and Milestones

Table 6-13 is a proposed implementation schedule, including actions/milestones, anticipated timeline, products, and evaluation criteria. This table should be revised as necessary to reflect future changes to the watershed plan and implementation activities.

Table 6-13. Proposed Implementation Schedule

	Actions	Lead Entity	Timeline	Products	Evaluation Criteria	
	Objective 1, Build a Foundation for Implementing the Plan					
	Form coalition	Friends of HRLP	1-2 yrs	Funding sources	Grant	
	Adopt plan	Towns		and grant	applications	
	Identify potential funding sources	Coalition	J	applications	submitted	
H	Submit grant applications	Coalition/Towns				
į	Objective 2. Enhance in Stream and	Riparian Habitat				
,	Conduct fish passage assessments	Coalition	1-2 yrs	Assessment findings		
1	Revise local stream crossing & stormwater design standards	Towns	1-2 yrs	Revised standards		
*	Belding Pond Dam removal feasibility evaluation	NRCS, DEP	1-2 yrs	Evaluation findings		
	Conduct aquatic invasive species study	Coalition, Towns	1-2 yrs	Study findings		
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1	Objective 3. Protect/Restore Riparier	Buffers	e anterior de la companya de la comp La companya de la co	A Company of the State of the S		
	Priority riparian buffer restoration projects	Coalition	2-10 yrs	Completed projects	Photos, # sites, WQ monitoring	
	Adopt stream buffer regulations, pending enabling legislation	Towns	2-4 yrs	Adopted regulations	,	
	Revise riparian buffer recommendations (Tolland)	Towns	1-2 yrs	Revised recommend.		
L	Objective 4. Identify and Eliminate Illi	cit Discharges	- 10 P. W. W. 11 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12			
1	Targeted illicit discharge investigations	Towns	1-2 yrs	Investigation findings	# discharges removed.	
	Implement municipal IDDE programs	Towns	2-4 yrs			
L	Priority stream cleanup efforts	Coalition	1-2 yrs	Trash removed	# cleanups	
L	Develop education/outreach materials	Coalition, Towns	1-2 yrs	Educational materials	Number of participants &	
L	Deliver education/outreach to the public	Coalition, Towns	2-4 yrs		feedback	
Objective 5. Residential Management Practices						
L	Increase watershed stewardship signage in residential areas	Towns	2-4 yrs	New signage	# signs	
L	Encourage disconnection of rooftop runoff	Towns	2-4 yrs	Rain barrels, disconnections	# participants	
1	Develop education/outreach materials	Coalition, Towns	1-2 yrs	Educational materials	Number of participants &	
	Deliver education/outreach to the oublic	Coalition, Towns	2-4 yrs		feedback	
9	Objective 6: Municipal and Business N	Aanagement Practic	es	the same of the sa	AND CHANGE	
Ī	Review municipal facility compliance	Towns	1-2 yrs	Review findings	Improved BMPs	
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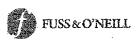


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Actions	Lead Entity	Timeline	Products	Evaluation Criteria
Improve municipal stormwater management programs	Towns	1-4 yrs	Revised SWMPs	
Implement street sweeping and catch basin cleaning	Towns, DOT	2-4 yrs	Sweeping and CB cleaning	Frequency
Develop education/outreach materials	Coalition, Towns	1-2 yrs	Educational materials	Number of participants &
Deliver education/outreach to the public	Coalition, Towns	2-4 yrs	-	feedback
Increase watershed stewardship signage in commercial areas	Towns	2-4 yrs	New signage	# signs
Objective 7. implement Water Qualify	Monitorino Prograt	n		1200
Develop and implement long-term monitoring program	Coalition	1-2 yrs	Monitoring data, report	Review results with
LID demonstration monitoring	Coalition	2-4 yrs	1 '	agencies
Objective 8. Protect Open Space			Citizen Santana (de 1112)	
Priority land acquisitions	Towns	1-4 yrs	Protected land	#sites/ acres
Continue to implement municipal open space plans	Towns	1-4 yrs		protected
Seek alternative funding sources for open space acquisition	Towns	1-4 yrs		
Promote use of open space through trail maps and events	Coalition	1-2 yrs	New maps and events sponsored	# events
Dayolog and implement invarive	Coalition	2-4 yrs	Management plan	
species management plan Objective 9. Promote LID and Sustain	able Site Design	TOPENEDE:		
Monitor effectiveness of LID regulations (Tolland)	Town	1-4 yrs	LID measures installed	Photos, WQ monitoring, 3 rd party reviews
Revise Inland Wetland regulations for consistency (Tolland)	Town _	1-2 yrs	Revised regulations	
Develop and implement new stormwater/LID regulations (Vernon)	Town	1-2 yrs	New SW/LID regulations, revised existing	
Form advisory committee Develop Town stormwater/LID manual and/or guidance Update existing zoning, subdivision, wetlands regulations			regulations	
Priority stormwater retrofits	Coalition	2-10 yrs	Completed projects	Photos, # sites, WQ monitoring
Incorporate LID into Town projects	Town	2-4 yrs	LID measures	Photos, WQ
LID demonstration projects (green roads, public works, schools)	Town	1-2 yrs	installed	monitoring
Develop education/outreach materials	Coalition, Towns	1-2 yrs	Educational materials	Number of participants &
Deliver education/outreach to the	Coalition, Towns	2-4 yrs		feedback
Objective 10: Assess Additional Subv	vatersheds	TELEVIE	Anna de Caria	
Perform stream and upland assessments	Coalition	1-2 yrs	Inventory findings	# projects identified